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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 23 JULY 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED RESPECTIVELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Acting Chairman of the Western European Union, I have the honour to transmit to you on behalf of the member States of the Western European Union the annexed declaration with reference to paragraphs 3 (d) and 6 of Security Council resolution 686 (1991).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hans-Joachim VERGAU
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex I

In compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 686's call for action to cooperate in the reconstruction of, and to ensure safe shipping to, Kuwait, the undersigning Nations conducted mine countermeasures operations within the boundaries defined in annex II until 20 July 1991 and declare:

1. The routes and areas specified in annex III have been searched as far as practically possible and, although a residual mine danger cannot be discounted, are considered safe for navigation. It is recommended that these areas be marked in accordance with IMCO standards.

2. Known minefields within the boundaries defined in annex II have been cleared as far as practically possible. However this area, with the exception of routes and areas delineated in annex III, should be avoided because a remaining risk cannot be excluded.

3. In addition there remains a risk of drifting mines in the Northern Gulf.

Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Annex II

The navigation within the boundaries of the line defined hereafter with the exception of the routes and areas defined in annex III should be avoided because a remaining risk cannot be excluded.

Reference: WGS 84.

	Latitude	Longitude
AA	29°35'N	048°15'E
AB	29°35'N	048°40'E
AC	29°44'N	048°55'E
AD	29°21'N	049°15'E
AE	29°00'N	049°07'E
AF	28°43'N	048°55'E
AG	28°32'N	048°42'E
AH	28°32'N	048°27,5'E

Note:

There is a known Mine Area (MDA 10) bounded by the following coordinates

AI	29°51'30.000"N	048°46'18.000"E
AJ	29°51'30.000"N	048°48'00.000"E
AK	29°40'18.000"N	018°18'00.000"E
AL	29°37'15.000"N	048°39'36.000"E
AM	29°37'15.000"N	048°32'30.000"E

which lies outside the area delineated above and is outside the remit of United Nations Security Council resolution 686 (1991). MCM operations in this area are ongoing.

Annex III

1. Routes considered safe for navigation

Width of the routes: 1000 yards left and right from the axis.
Reference: WGS 84.

QCR 301

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°52.0000'N	049°25.1000'E
B	29°07.9000'N	049°13.4000'E
C	29°07.9000'N	048°46.8333'E
D	29°09.5000'N	048°38.2500'E
E	29°09.5000'N	048°15.1000'E
F	29°08.2000'N	048°11.4000'E

QCR 302

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°09.7500'N	048°29.8000'E
B	29°06.4000'N	048°20.3000'E
C	29°02.9000'N	048°10.7000'E

QCR 303

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°52.7500'N	049°03.7000'E
B	29°57.5000'N	048°54.1000'E
C	29°06.6000'N	048°28.5000'E
D	29°09.5000'N	048°15.1000'E

QCR 305

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°57.5000'N	048°54.1000'E
B	28°57.1000'N	048°46.3000'E
C	28°57.2500'N	048°41.3500'E
D	28°58.3000'N	048°37.8000'E
E	29°00.8167'N	048°32.4333'E
F	29°00.5667'N	048°31.1000'E

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Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
G	29°02.0333'N	048°26.6167'E
H	29°02.2200'N	048°25.2833'E
I	29°05.3500'N	048°21.0000'E
J	29°06.4000'N	048°20.3000'E
K	29°07.5000'N	048°19.7000'E
L	29°09.5000'N	048°15.1000'E
M	29°23.2500'N	048°07.3000'E
N	29°25.6000'N	047°59.8500'E
O	29°25.6000'N	047°51.2500'E
P	29°23.4000'N	047°46.9500'E
Q	29°22.6000'N	047°47.2000'E

QCR 306

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°05.0000'N	048°10.7000'E
B	29°07.0000'N	048°10.7000'E

QCR 307

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°31.0000'N	049°26.0000'E
B	28°37.0000'N	049°00.0000'E
C	28°42.0000'N	048°49.4000'E
D	28°45.6000'N	048°43.8000'E
E	28°55.0000'N	048°23.1000'E

QCR 308

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°05.3500'N	048°21.0000'E
B	28°55.0000'N	048°23.1000'E
C	28°52.2000'N	048°18.5000'E

QCR 309

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°45.6000'N	048°43.8000'E
B	28°44.9000'N	048°30.0000'E

QCR 310

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°31.0000'N	048°40.0000'E
B	28°44.9000'N	048°30.0000'E
C	28°52.2000'N	048°29.3000'E

QCR 102

Point (Axis)	Latitude	Longitude
A	27°20.2000'N	050°39.8000'E
B	27°50.7000'N	049°50.9000'E
C	27°58.1000'N	049°50.5000'E
D	28°10.1000'N	049°41.4000'E
E	28°11.6000'N	049°22.6000'E
F	28°31.0000'N	049°26.0000'E
G	28°52.7500'N	049°03.7000'E

NORTH MINA AL AHMADI PIER HOLDING AREA

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°08.5500'N	048°08.8500'E
B	29°09.2100'N	048°11.0400'E
C	29°07.2800'N	048°11.7700'E
D	29°06.6800'N	048°09.5600'E

MINA SAUD HOLDING AREA

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	28°44.8000'N	048°34.0000'E
B	28°45.0000'N	048°36.4000'E
C	28°42.8000'N	048°34.0000'E
D	28°43.0000'N	048°36.4000'E

AL-FAO AREA

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°02.0900'N	048°10.6800'E
B	29°09.4800'N	048°11.7300'E
C	29°01.2600'N	048°12.3200'E
D	29°00.8700'N	048°11.2700'E

ABU JEZZA AREA

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°10.0000'N	048°15.8000'E
B	29°10.0000'N	048°38.2500'E
C	29°06.5000'N	048°38.2500'E
D	29°06.5000'N	048°20.6700'E

MINA ASH SHUAYBAH ANCHORAGE AREA

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	29°02.1000'N	048°10.7000'E
B	29°02.1000'N	048°15.0000'E
C	29°05.0000'N	048°15.0000'E
D	29°05.0000'N	048°09.4000'E